

Abt Oct 4, 1860.

Dear Garrison,

126 Please print the foregoing note, or correct in your own way the error to which it refers. I suppose you copied the statement from one of your exchanges, though it never met my eye till I saw it in the Liberator.

I have heard of your illness with deep regret and serious concern. Pray be careful of yourself. Diseases of the throat require the most careful treatment, and require above all rest from public speaking. Think what you would give to ~~now~~ avert the fatal consequences of our dear Theodore Parker's imprudence, and for the cause's sake and the sake of your friends, be prudent. I can't help thinking that if you would let God have his way in curing your chin and throat, you would find great relief. Depend upon it, God's propose in giving men beards is not answered, but rather defeated, when it is made to promote

the razor-trade. Five years ago, I was troubled, as you are, but I found relief in letting my beard grow. Be persuaded to try the experiment this autumn, as the cold weather comes on; you know you can go back again to the old way in five minutes, if you see occasion for doing so.

Mary Anne joins me in love to you and Helen and to your children.

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson.